

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein said data collection logic is further configured to collect performance information from said networked device indicative of at least one performance criteria, wherein said performance information is included in said collected information.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein said message generation logic is responsive to an elapsed time.
4. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein said message generation is responsive to a message received from said remote server.
5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein said digital network comprises the Internet.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein said collected information contains error information.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 further comprising:
a non-human networked device manager at least partially defined by software components, said networked device manager responsive to a second message which directs said networked device manager to perform a specific action.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein said networked device is a jukebox.
9. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said second message instructs said networked device manager to cause said networked device to use redundant hardware.
10. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said second message instructs said networked device manager to cause a reconfiguration of said networked device.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said second message instructs said networked device manager to replace a software module contained within said networked device with a replacement software module.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of performance monitoring comprising the steps of:

collecting information from a networked device pertaining to an ability of said networked device to perform a function;

receiving a trigger event related to said device's ability to perform said function;

organizing at least a portion of said collected information into a message;

transmitting said message to a server in response to receiving said trigger event; and

automatically analyzing said message to determine an appropriate modification of said networked device.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said information contains error information.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said trigger event is an elapsed time.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said trigger event is the detection of an error condition.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said trigger event is the receipt of a message.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the steps of:
receiving a second message from said server, wherein said second message directs said networked device to perform a specific action.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein said second message causes a networked device manager to take an action.

20. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said message is transmitted over a digital packet network.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A data collection and transmittal system, the system comprising:

a networked device, connected to a digital network, performing a dedicated stand-alone function;

data collection logic configured to collect information pertaining to said networked device's ability to perform said standalone function;

message generation logic configured to recognize a trigger event, associated with networked device's ability to perform said standalone function, and configured to generate an electronic message containing at least a portion of said collected information; and

a remote server configured to receive said electronic message over said digital networked and to determine an action to be taken with respect to said networked device.

23. (Previously Presented) A consumer appliance configured to perform a dedicated standalone function at a consumer location, said compliance comprising:

a network card, capable of communicating with a remote server over a network;

appliance performance logic, communicatively coupled to said network card, and capable of communicating a malfunction of said appliance to a remote server; and

appliance repair logic, communicatively coupled with said network card, and capable implementing a repair action in response to instructions received from said remote server.

24. (Previously Presented) The consumer appliance of claim 23 wherein said repair logic is capable of installing one of firmware or software transmitted to said appliance from said remote server.

25. (Previously Presented) The consumer appliance of claim 23 wherein said repair logic is capable of, pursuant to instruction received from said remote server, bypassing malfunctioning hardware of said appliance and enabling a connection of redundant hardware.